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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

The following is an amendment to the claims to remove issues addressed in the 35 USC 112 rejection and place the application in better condition for allowance or appeal. This amendment adopts the language previously approved by Examiner in the Amendment of September 26, 2003 and the Interview Summary of November 14, 2003 for the purpose of removing the 35 USC 112 rejection.